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In re Application of  
Gert Drosbeke and Ivan Joachim Grek :  
Application No. 10/157,524 :  
Filed: May 28, 2002 :  
Title: TERMINAL BLOCK AND CABLE  
CONNECTOR :

LETTER

Dear Mr. Grek:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 USC 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, agent of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at (703) 305-0272. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

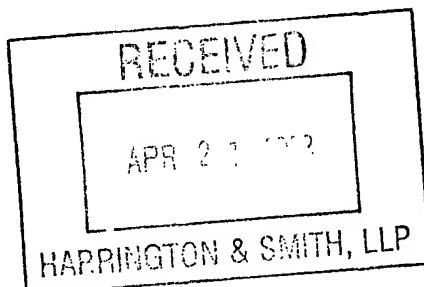
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Application No. 10/157,524 :  
Filed: May 28, 2002 :  
Attorney Docket No. 003D.0002.U1 :  
(US) DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed November 1, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing dated October 24, 2002).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is GRANTED.

The above-identified application was filed on May 28, 2002, without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on July 8, 2002, applicant was mailed a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted," requiring an executed oath or declaration. This Notice set a two-month period for reply.

In reply, applicant filed the instant petition and paid the surcharge for late filing of the declaration. To make timely this reply, applicant obtained a two month extension of time. Accompanying the petition was a declaration signed by joint inventor Gert Droesbeke, but lacking a signature from joint inventor Ivan Joachim Grek.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

On petition, attorney Mark F. Harrington, included copies of cover letters, dated August 5 and September 23, 2002, to the last known address of Grek, transmitting the application papers. Harrington also included a statement of facts from Frederic C. Thiel, the person responsible for transmitting the application papers to Grek. According to Thiel, no executed declaration from Grek has been received.

The instant petition has been reviewed and determined to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). The declaration submitted with the petition has been determined to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. Accordingly, the above-identified application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the last known address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0272.



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